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Dear Pat:

Following up on our conversation of yesterday, you and General Taylor might be interested in the following definitions of "intelligence."

1. In CIA's training courses it is defined as follows:

Positive Intelligence -- The product resulting from the collection, evaluation, collation, analysis, integration, and interpretation of all available information concerning other countries which is significant to a government's development and execution of plans, policies and courses of action.

2. The Dictionary of United States Military Terms for Joint Usage uses this definition:

Intelligence -- The product resulting from the collection, evaluation, analysis, integration, and interpretation of all available information which concerns one or more aspects of foreign nations or of areas of operations and which is immediately or potentially significant to planning.

3. The Hoover Commission, in its report to Congress in June 1955, said:

Intelligence deals with all the things which should be known in advance of initiating a course of action.

4. The United States National Disclosure Policy
(MIC 206/29-64) uses the following:

Intelligence is (1) the product resulting from the collection, evaluation, analysis, integration, and interpretation of information which concerns foreign nations and other areas of operations and which is immediately or potentially significant to planning or (2) information of every description which is used in the production of intelligence. It includes facts, observations, reports, rumors, photographs, documents, etc.

I am also enclosing an excerpt from Sherman Kent's book, Strategic Intelligence, which develops a definition a little further.

Sincerely,



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